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Clarissa Rosas, senior in psychology, sings a solo Wednesday night during K-State Idol. This contest is K-State's version of American Idol and was held at K-State Student Union's Forum Hall.

Haley Rose
staff writer

"Because we're in [the K-State Student Union], with purple surroundings, it means so much more to them than it would to us," said Jim Teagarden, weekly EXCELL volunteer

Not only student ambassadors show up every week to help out. Professionals from various school districts and the

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The EXCELL Program hosts several classes for students of the program- one of which is the advanced sign language class. Volunteer ambassador of the program **Hannah Hemberger**, senior in elementary education, helps student **Deb Welch** with a signed number.



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Wednesday night, **Judge Joseph Pierron**, from the Kansas Court of Appeals in Topeka, spoke to students about the appeals system. The presentation took place in the Flint Hills room in the K-State Student Union at 6 p.m.

Pierron travels throughout the state giving these talks to student groups and most often high school students. Pierron is not the only judge who does this as a handful of other appellate jus-

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Queer of Color scholar, Ernesto Martinez, joins us February 9th at 5:30pm in the Little Theatre to present his research on the literature and cultural production of gays and lesbians of color in the United States. He centers the perspectives of lesbians and gays of color, to trace discourses of intelligibility, recurring preoccupations with the labor of making sense of oneself and of making sense to others in contexts of intense ideological violence and interpersonal conflict. Dr. Martinez is Assistant Professor of Women’s and Ethnic Studies at the University of Oregon and co-editor of the anthology, *Gay Latino Studies*.

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EXCELL | Program offers ways for students to socialize, receive education



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Another class for students was the Army ROTC class. **Joe Disney** does exercises during the class.



Curtis Whitney jokes with **Michael Sender**, senior in secondary education, while the two work together to ensure that the amount of money Whitney spent on a snack was accurate. In Project EXCELL students have the opportunity to use a debit card each Saturday for a snack.

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EXCELL can fill that gap.

“This program offers some enrichment experiences for adults who often have no other opportunities to get out and socialize and continue their education,” said Linda Teener, executive director of continuing education. “They have mild developmental or cognitive disabilities and make it difficult for them to function in a traditional setting.”

The class was inspired by a similar program at Johnson County Community College, but when White first heard about the program at Johnson County he was unsure of the likelihood of K-State implementing a similar program.

“Johnson County could do it, but K-State is a four-year research institution and I wasn’t sure if we could,” White said. “But I went and visited Johnson County, and I really got interested.”

White returned to K-State and worked with various professionals from the university and community to initiate EXCELL.

“The university has been

very enthusiastic. I’ve never been in an organization where 30 or 40 so diverse people have come together and unanimously agreed on something,” White said.

Classes vary each semester. Currently, classes that are offered include Advanced Sign Language, Money Matters, How to Prepare Recipes, Experiencing ROTC and Introduction to Leadership and Story Telling Travels.

Money Matters has been an especially popular class.

“This is the third semester that we have offered Money Matters. In it, they learn some basic money handling skills like how to count money,” Teener said. “Everyone in the class is given a \$10 debit card at the beginning of the class. They learn to keep track of that money. They use it primarily for snacks during the break time, and they have to account for all the money they have spent.”

The classes are taught primarily by certified special education teachers, but are also taught by people who just want to share their passion.

In addition to life skills, the program is designed the give

participants a modified college experience.

“We treat them as much like college students as allowed,” Teener said. “They have a special K-State ID card they show very proudly. We also try to give them some college experiences.”

Last semester, EXCELL students had the opportunity to “tailgate” in Bosco Student Plaza before a football game.

“We had a cook-out and K-State cheerleaders came. They really enjoyed that,” Teener said.

In addition to special field trips, EXCELL students interact with K-State student ambassadors each Saturday. The ambassadors are typically students in the special education program within the college of education.

“The ambassadors may take on mentoring students, and they are there to socialize with the student, and help get students where they need to go during break. They help provide a good experience for the students,” Teener said.

For EXCELL student Marsha Mansfield, 47, the ambassadors are a highlight of the program.

“I love having a lot of fun there with the ambassadors. They are very friendly and nice,” Mansfield said.

Mansfield’s classmate, Lauren Haun, 28, agreed that the program offers many collegiate-like opportunities she

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executive director of continuing education

enjoys. This semester, Haun is enrolled in Experiencing ROTC and Introduction to Leadership.

“It’s very fun. I took Experiencing ROTC because I wanted to take something new,” Haun said. “It looked fun to try. I’m excited to learn about gun safety, especially.”

Haun graduated from Manhattan High School Campus West in 2002. Now, she works during the week for K-State Dining Services as a dishwasher at Kramer Dining Center.

While Haun is employed, many of the participants are not. EXCELL offers education on how to acquire jobs for interested participants.

“We offer job skill preparation, including classes on how to interview and how to put a resume together,” Teener said. “We take field trips around the Union to see the jobs that are there, too.”

The program is currently funded through a grant that covers the rent for the Union and various other expenses. Teener said EXCELL will pursue all of the available options in order to continue funding the program.

“We will be looking for other sources of funds. We will be doing grant writing and searching for donations,” Teener said. “It’s not terribly expensive, but we will be doing those things to help with funding in the future.”

Both Teener and White hope to see a stable, or growing, pro-

gram in the future.

“I see it at least continuing at this level,” White said. “There is a trend nationally for programs like EXCELL to grow into residential programs where students stay in the college dorms. However, I don’t see EXCELL going to that extreme.”

Although a residential program isn’t in the future, Teener said she would enjoy the program continuing to grow in numbers and services.

“I think we would like to continue to see it grow in the number of students who come. We would also like to expand classes, and the area of being able to take it further in providing further college-type experiences,” she said. “We would also like to provide more employment-type experiences for those who are capable of working. They want to work, and we want to support that.”

While there are hopes for growth in the future, Haun said she is very happy with the current program.

“I really like being with my fellow students, classmates, and ambassadors,” Haun said. “I love just being a college student in general.”

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Students encouraged to build leadership, spirituality through travels

Emily Henderson
staff writer

Over the years, K-State has increased its international reach by sponsoring programs like Study Abroad, and has allowed students to gain global experience.

One student organization, Student Mobilization (StuMo), has encouraged its members to travel overseas in order to help students develop character, leadership and a sense of spirituality.

StuMo is an interdenominational student ministry that has been active on 11 college campuses throughout the Midwest for more than 20 years. StuMo is encouraging graduates to team up with International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) to reach out to people in India.

"ICE is a way to see and understand India for what it really is, versus the perceptions which come from the news, the internet or history books," said Dave Riner, executive director of Student Mobilization.

Those who join the program are usually in India for an average of five to six weeks.

During their trip, members spend the first few days recovering from jet lag and seeing popular tourist sights in Delhi and other major cities. While touring, they start meeting and getting acquainted with locals.

"Sometimes Indians they meet will even go to tourist destinations or other locations with their new American friends," Riner said.

The visitors from America learn about India and their culture. They focus on what Indians eat, drink, how they get around town and their favorite source of entertainment.

"It really challenged me emotionally and socially, because I was a very shy person, and in India you can't get away from people, ever," said Heath Kinser, StuMo member and Manhattan resident.

Most of the people are willing to share their traditions, family relationships, political beliefs and religion. According to the Nation Master website, India has four main religions. 80.5 percent are considered Hindu, 13.4 percent Muslim, 2.3 percent Christian, 1.9 percent Sikh and 1.9 percent are unspecified or other.

In addition to their open-

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Heath Kinser
StuMo member and Manhattan resident

ness with American visitors, most of the locals are very friendly, and, according to the StuMo members, the group will often return home with lifelong friends from India.

"Sometimes the Americans will get invited home for an authentic Indian home cooked meal," Riner said. "The guys are always looking to try a game of cricket, which is India's most popular sport."

Not all aspects of traveling to another country are enjoyable. Getting thrust into such a new environment can disrupt mental and physical health.

In preparation for the trip, every member must receive

numerous immunizations and it is common for at least one member of the group to be ill for a few days.

In addition to illnesses, visitors who travel to another country can often develop culture shock and then reverse culture shock once they return home.

"At the end of the trip I was ready to leave and didn't want anything to do with India, but after about six months of being home I was ready to go back," Kinser said.

Despite the cultural challenges that they had to overcome, the StuMo members agreed that their experiences in India were a unique, life-changing opportunity.

"The experience with another culture is unforgettable," Riner said. "They [StuMo members] can be advocates for the wonders and realities of India for the rest of their lives. Along with the potential for lifelong friendships, a visit to India will allow Americans a chance to give a clear representation of the true India back here in the states."

Members who have not had the chance to travel to India said that they plan on traveling at some point.

"I love the India program. I would really like to go someday," said Sara Wenger, past StuMo member and Topeka resident. "It seems like a special place."

In addition to weekly meetings and planning overseas trips, StuMo is also responsible for several other events on campus including Freshman Connection, a group designed to assist freshmen in growing their relationships with people and God.

The organization also co-ordinates Kaleo, a nine-week summer program where par-



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ticipants learn practical skills to launch a thriving ministry.

A message written on the Student Mobilization website by campus director, Joel Johnson stated, "Our desire is to help them [students] develop as men and women who have a deep faith and live lives that

honor Christ and make a difference in our world."

Brittani Shank, junior in family studies and human services, echoed the message. Shank said that as a believer in Jesus Christ, it is important to her to connect with those in areas not so close to home.

"Jesus calls all believers to make disciples of all nations," Shank said. "That may mean being a part of a program in your country or going and spreading the Gospel to those who have never heard it before in a world far different from your own."

Use of prescription drugs, caffeine prevalent among students staying up late hours to study

Urian Mitchell
staff writer

There are two weeks that many college students fear: dead week and finals week. Some students may have only one or two finals to take, but many others have three or more finals, which can lead to a stressful couple of weeks.

Late hour study sessions often tire out even the most persistent students, and some resort to substances such as caffeine and Adderall in order to cope.

Some students suffer from ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder) or ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and are prescribed Adderall while others aren't.

Drew Russell, junior in criminology, has a prescription for Adderall.

"People use Adderall to help keep them focused on a task and not get distracted," Russell said. "Some use it if they're prescribed for ADD or ADHD. The side effects for those that take it and aren't prescribed can actually do the opposite; it can make you really hyper and easily distracted."

According to adderall-sideeffects.org, there are some common side effects to using Adderall such as "anorexia, dry mouth, chronic thirst, the development of sleeping disorders, chronic headaches

or migraines." There are also more serious side effects such as "suicidal thoughts or suicidal actions."

Cole Dunham, freshman in civil engineering said, "When my friend who's not prescribed takes it he has depression and random outburst of craziness. To me, that doesn't seem like something that would help you study."

Other students who aren't prescribed Adderall and want something to help them study often use caffeine, in the form of a cup of coffee or a soda, to help them study late into the night.

"Some people use caffeine to stay awake to keep them studying," Russell said.

According to a Feb. 7, 2012 webmd.com article, caffeine is most commonly used to improve alertness. It stimulates your heart, muscles, and the centers that control your blood pressure which helps keep you awake.

"It's good to keep you awake, but you also crash from it, which won't help you at all," Dunham said.

Caffeine keeps the whole body alert, but if a user consumes too much, he or she will eventually have stomach problems, be overstimulated and hyperactive. If people consume both Adderall and caffeine they go from one extreme, very alert and active, to

the other extreme, drowsy and tired.

People who take these medications are often unaware of the dangers that come with it.

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Dr. Mark Brown-Burnett
Pharmacist at Lafene Health Center

take my pills because my personality changes and I don't like that," said Rachel Nalley, freshman in family studies and human services. "People take Adderall to help them focus, get things done. Some people do get addicted, or they get sad and pissed off, or talkative and hyper. They also lose their appetites, at least I know I did, and caffeine doesn't help me at all."

Some students may feel like Adderall and caffeine are the only two things that keep them focused on tasks to get them done, especially when dead week and finals come around.

"All of us can study, it's whether or not we're focused, and if we need a little medicine to help us, then that's fine," said Dr. Mark Brown-Burnett, pharmacist at Lafene Health Center. "Anything you take drug wise that's not prescribed to you will have a pay-back."

Distributing Adderall for a profit is a federal crime. Brown-Burnett said about 30 to 40 percent of pharmaceutical drugs, like Adderall, are used inappropriately as a recreational drug. This stimulant drug is only for people who have ADD and ADHD and not particularly used for anything else.

There are many ways to stay alert and get your mind ready and alert, Brown-Burnett said. He suggested that instead of doing drugs, there are other options such as walking around, getting fresh air, light exercise or taking a power nap.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats lose on road to Texas A&M in blowout

Team lacked the intensity they have shown throughout the season on the road, the team suffered a 31-point loss to the Aggies

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

The first time K-State and Texas A&M met up this season ended with K-State beating the returning national champions with an overtime 71-69 victory. Senior captain for K-State, Jalana Childs, said this game would be tough, as she suspected the Aggies wanted revenge after a close loss back in January. After one of the worst showings of K-State women's basketball this season, Texas A&M came away with a home court win of 67-36, and their payback was a success.

Wednesday's game was the final time K-State would play on Texas A&M's court at Reed Arena as next season the Aggies will become a part of the Southeastern Conference. Over the course of the team's time together in the league tonight the two teams will finish their conference play against each other with K-State leading in wins 13-8, including 5-4 when on the road at College Station.

The game started out with the Aggies putting the first points on the board and while Texas A&M showed confidence, the Wildcats did not come on to the court with the intensity they have showed during their previous two road game wins.

In the Big 12, winning on the road is not something that comes easy, so in order to come away with a win away from home, a team must come out mentally and physically tough to take on whatever is thrown at them.

Unfortunately for K-State, when Texas A&M scored their first points and took the lead early, the Wildcats would never be able to catch up.

As they opened the game with two straight turnovers, giving up the ball to the Aggies would become the theme of the night as K-State went on to give up 23 turnovers by the end of the game, a season high.

During the first 10 minutes of play K-State only held five points, coming from senior forward Branshea Brown's two free throws and junior guard Brittany Chambers 3-pointer.

Since Texas A&M dominated in their offensive rebounds, connecting shots from the field would be crucial for the Wildcats.

K-State had given up 13 turnovers during the first half and while they still had a full 20 minutes left to play, they sat just below their turnover per-game average of 14.

During their last meet-up K-State trailed the Aggies by nine points at the half and came back for the win, however last night as the half came to a close, the Wildcats were down by 20 and a comeback would have meant a second half of perfect shots and a strong defense.

While the first few minutes of the second half started out well for K-State as senior forward Jalana Childs put the first two points on the board and the Wildcats had two quick stops and snatched a Texas A&M turnover,



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K-State was unable to score on their offensive drives, and Texas A&M continued to take advantage.

Texas A&M was able to feed off of their lead over a sluggish K-State team and come away with a well-rounded, superior team performance.

Junior center Kelsey Bone and sophomore guard Karla Gilbert finished the game tying in points, each with a game high of 14. Gilbert's 14 points scored her a career high.

The Aggies all around team showing was led by senior guard Tyra White, who finished the game with a double-double made up of 13 points and 10 rebounds.

For K-State, Chambers led the team in scoring with 11 points on the board, the only Wildcat to score in the double digits.

While Texas A&M finished the game with an impressive 52.7 shooting percentage from the field, the Wildcats came away their worst per-

centage from the field of this season at 22.7 percent.

Now, coming off of two blow-out losses, K-State will face the Jayhawks at home in Bramlage Coliseum at 12 p.m. on Sunday.

While K-State holds their winning above .500 at 6-5 in the Big 12 they cannot afford to let losses to the two toughest teams in the league get them down and must come out with confidence against a tough Kansas basketball team Sunday afternoon.

Two-minute drill

Jared Brown
staff writer

NCAA Basketball

The University of Connecticut proposed reducing the number of games it will play next season if the NCAA grants a waiver allowing the Huskies to play in the 2013 men's basketball tournament.

The Huskies are currently banned from the tournament as a punishment from years of below-standard academic results.

If the request by the university is granted, then Connecticut has agreed to forfeit the revenue awarded to teams from the Big East for participating in the 2013 tournament. The Huskies would also reduce the number of games played during the regular season from 27 to 23. The university would also bar head coach Jim Calhoun from meeting off-campus with prospective recruits during the fall 2012 contact period.

The school has stated that it would eliminate any exhibition games next season as well. Connecticut said all hours that would have been spent in competition will instead be spent in study hall, tutor sessions or meetings with advisers.

MLB

The Baseball Hall of Fame is starting a drug education program for students and young adults.

The Hall of Fame said Wednesday that its new initiative wasn't tied to the former stars up for election or the people who will choose them. Stars up for induction that will appear on the ballot include Sammy Sosa, Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds. All three players had outstanding careers on the field but had those careers tainted by steroid accusations.

Both Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro, who many considered to be first ballot Hall of Famers during their careers, have never been close to receiving enough votes to get into the Hall since steroid allegations surfaced.

The Hall of Fame plans to promote a healthy lifestyle that is free of performance-enhancing drugs. The program will be called "Be A Superior Example," or "BASE" for short, and will work with the Taylor Hooton Foundation and the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society.

NFL

The New York Jets have agreed on a financial commitment with wide receiver Antonio Holmes. The Jets agreement doubled on Wednesday, meaning they're locked in for \$15.25 million in guarantees.

Holmes was already guaranteed his 2012 salary of \$7.75 million, the second year of the five-year, \$45 million contract he signed last

summer.

It was unsure if the Jets would keep Holmes after he had a falling out with quarterback Mark Sanchez, but rather than cut him and lose out on the money that was owed to Holmes, the Jets decided it was best to commit to making things work with the wide receiver who won a Super Bowl MVP just a few season ago with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

NBA

Los Angeles Lakers' guard Kobe Bryant "won't face charges following an alleged incident in August at a San Diego church," according to a Feb. 7 article on ESPNLos-Angeles.com.

Bryant was allegedly in an incident with a man at a Carmel Valley church.

Police said Bryant apparently thought the man was taking a picture with a cell phone during a Sunday service. Bryant allegedly then got into an altercation with the man in an attempt to take the cell phone from him. The man went to a hospital for treatment of an injured wrist.

Prosecutors were unable to file a criminal case after citing the lack of sufficient evidence needed to "prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt," as stated by a spokeswoman for city attorney Jan Goldsmith, according to the same article.

Bryant denied allegations after the incident.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Bietau looks for career win No. 250

Adam Suderman
staff writer

Coming off of two tough losses against North Texas and Arkansas, the K-State women's tennis team hopes to bounce back this weekend as they face No. 20 Tulsa and UT-Arlington.

With the match, K-State coach Steve Bietau has an opportunity to bring in career win No. 250.

The Wildcats have been led through the early parts of this season by sophomore Petra Niedermayerova and junior Karla Bonacic.

Niedermayerova, the No. 17 player in the nation in the Campbell/ITA national singles rankings, registered a pair straight set wins to run her winning streak to five matches. The sophomore holds an 11-7 record with an 11-3 total in straight set matches.

K-State had a streak of 16-straight matches halted after winning the doubles' point. It was K-State's first loss since April 9, 2010 when the Wildcats won the doubles point at Colorado, but dropped the match.

Bonacic brought in two single wins in Fayetteville last weekend at the No. 2 position in the lineup.

Bonacic, a Split, Croatia native, has won six of her last seven outings and owns a record of 11-5 including a 10-3 mark in straight set matches.

After concluding their road trip this weekend, the Wildcats will return to host their first home meet of the season on Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. The meet will take place at the Body First Tennis and Fitness Center in Manhattan.

Successful goals need everyday dedication



Kelly McHugh

I didn't realize one night could completely throw off my week of training, but Super Bowl Sunday did just that.

Because I am a New Jersey native, I was naturally excited the Giants won. I celebrated a little too hard while staying up a little too late with some of my best friends. That's not to mention the awesome, but unhealthy food we ate throughout the game. My buffalo chicken queso dip rocked — what did people do before they had Pinterest to go to for recipes?

Was it a good time? Definitely. But when I woke up early Monday morning to go to the gym, I immediately regretted eating that food and staying up so late.

I felt sluggish and lazy and that showed during my time at the Peters Recreation Complex. I worked out with about half the intensity I usually do and the more often that happens, the more off-track I'll end up getting with this triathlon training.

Tuesday was extremely busy between class assignments, meetings and, of course, K-State sports. It was one of those days where you go to bed and you're amazed that you actually had enough hours in the day to fit everything in.

Everything, that is, except a workout.

So after that pathetic Monday morning of training, missing Tuesday put me back even further.

Had Sunday night been any other Sunday, I would have woken up Monday, gotten in a good workout, and missing Tuesday would have been a bummer, but it wouldn't have hit me so hard.

So my question is, was it worth it? Was eating so much delicious food and staying up crazy late worth the beating I took at the gym?

I think there are two sides to this question.

The first side would argue that the Super Bowl is a once-a-year thing, and it is okay to go big every once in a while. You only live once.

This is true — having a little fun isn't a bad thing, but the other side of whether or not it was worth it, in my opinion, is this: when someone commits to something, they have to stick with it.

Chose whichever you like, but I think in the end going off-track, even if it is just one night, is not worth it if it could mess up reaching your final goal. Even if it means I should have eaten a little less on Super Bowl Sunday and gone to bed after watching the guy from Wichita on "The Voice."

I still would have had a fantastic time, but with less consequence.

The only way to reach your goals is by staying committed to them. Granted, everyone in the world is different — some people get lucky and some people have things handed to them, but without commitment you can not achieve what you want in the end.

So this week I need to be more committed to training for my triathlon because May is right around the corner. Plus, next week starts my doubling-up training, so I will be mixing swimming and running, or biking and running.

Staying committed and balancing a fun, but healthy lifestyle has to be the key factor in achieving any workout goal.

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MICHAEL |Classes develop self-reliance, responsibility



Michael sits at attention during one of the classes.

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“College teaches kids to be adults, whether it’s running out of money every week, or drinking too much, or learning to manage time or do laundry,” said Dwyre. “They’re learning to be adults, and that’s what we want for every student who is able, regardless of their limitations.”

Students with these limitations such as Michael are overjoyed to be able to take part in programs like EXCELL. Michael has been with the program for at least a year and takes advantage of the practical courses so he can learn how to be more self-reliant.

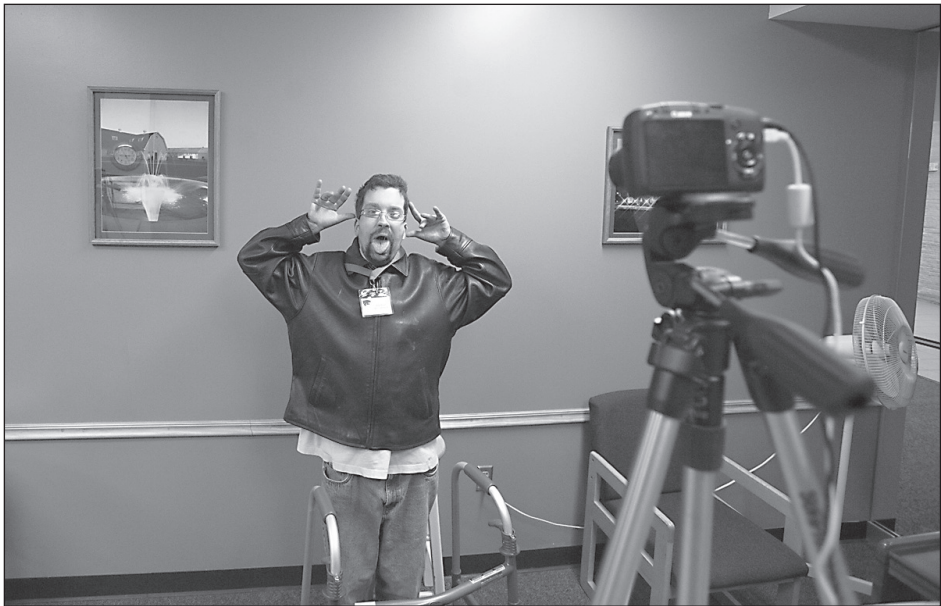
“My goal is to be more independent on my own. That’s why I’m taking money management,” said Michael. “I learn how to use my money more wisely in the class, so I don’t keep spending and spending.”

Michael has big dreams for his future and said how excited he was to be able to be in college here at K-State. He says one day he would like to be a professional bowler or a bowling teacher for elementary students, and if he could do anything in the world he wanted, he would open up a Christian recording studio for anyone who wants to make good music.

“You know with Michael, he’s very outgoing,” said Mike Bilderback, regular teacher at EXCELL and director of special education in the Wamego school district. “Not bashful at all, and he learns very quickly.”

Even though Michael’s independence is growing, his mom still helps him with his finances and making sure he is handling his daily activities. However, Michael is increasingly responsible for more aspects of his daily life, something he says he owes in large part to project EXCELL and their classes.

These accomplishments and positive atti-



Andy Arnett strikes a pose before composing himself for his student id picture.

Chelsy Lueth|Collegian

tudes from the students are often what keep the ambassadors and volunteers coming back every week, said White.

The ambassadors’ attendance is facilitated and managed in large part by Teagarden. Most of those who volunteer are his students and have some focus in special education.

“The ambassadors play a critical role in this operation,” said White. “I mean, we have college students, undergrad kids who are here at 8:30 every Saturday morning, volunteering.”

Teagarden said that, despite the circumstances, the volunteers continue to dedicate their

time to the program.

“Including that Fake St. Patrick’s Day,” said Teagarden with a laugh. “There are more green shirts in here than there are out there. It amazes me. You deal so many times with things that go wrong, I mean, this last semester, the university opened on a Tuesday and I was panicking because I couldn’t see how we were going to get the [ambassadors] here before school started. But come Saturday morning, there they were, right here. It’s almost like ‘Field of Dreams,’ although it’s a little tougher than tearing down corn fields at times.”

ACTA: The SOPA that has already been passed

Jacob Castanon
contributing writer

Editor’s Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

We’ve all heard the buzz around the Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect Intellectual Property Act, but not many students nor professors are familiar with ACTA, the most recent act against piracy signed by more than 30 countries.

ACTA, or the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, could be viewed as an international version of SOPA. Since its initial creation, the agreement has undergone many provisions as to not infringe on any current U.S. laws.

Critics of ACTA claim the Internet Protocol provisions are as restrictive as anything contained in SOPA. The international statute originated during the Bush administration, far before SOPA and PIPA gained exposure. Additionally, the agreement has been negotiated with little information provided to the public during the proceedings and this may explain why not many are familiar with the act, despite it being signed back in October.

According to a March 12, 2010 publication by the Congressional Research Service, the United States and Japan devised the new agreement in 2006 with the primary goal of stopping global piracy and counterfeiting.

Piracy is the reproduction of another’s work without permission and usually infringes on a patent or copyright. K-State’s Information Technology Services website defines copyright infringement as “the act of utilizing, without permission or legal authority, the rights exclusively permitted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act.”

Copyrights protect artists’ work from illegal distribution and give the original owner exclusive rights to their property. Under intellectual property law, owners are granted certain rights to their intangible assets such as music, literary and other artistic work.

By June 2008, the number of countries discussing ACTA expanded to nearly 40 developed countries, including all 27 member states of the European Union, with hopes to conclude the talks by 2010, according to the Congressional Research Service document. Nearly two years after this initial

goal, some countries are coming to an agreement and starting to give their consent to pass the treaty.

Like SOPA, the agreement has drawn criticism from citizens and a petition has been established on whitehouse.gov to end the treaty. More than

“It’s stupid they’re charging people that much money for illegally downloading a few songs.”

Charles Atwell
freshman in open option,
K-State

40,000 people have signed the petition since Jan. 21, almost doubling the goal of 25,000 signatures needed by Feb. 20. However, the retaliation against the agreement might have come too late.

ACTA is an executive agreement, meaning it is not subjected to Congress’ approval unless it requires statutory changes in U.S. laws, and has already been signed by President Barack Obama, according to a Jan. 25 article by Mike Masnick on techdirt.com.

Much like the U.S., there has been protest to ACTA in Europe, particularly in Poland. On Jan. 26, to express disapproval of Poland’s agreement to sign the treaty, Polish politicians symbolically held up Guy Fawkes masks during the proceedings, according to a Jan. 26 techdirt.com article also by Mike Masnick. The masks were ironically ‘counterfeit’ because Time Warner owns all intellectual property rights to the image and typically expects royalties for the iconic countenance from the movie, “V for Vendetta.”

“It seems like a good idea,” said Haleigh McElliot, junior in wildlife and conservation biology. “But I’m not sure if this will stop people from doing it. We’ll see how effective it is in stopping piracy.”

According to a Feb. 11, 2009 CBS article by Bootie Cosgrove-Mather, “Americans between the ages 18 and 29 are three times as likely than those 30 and over to say file sharing is always okay,” despite the legal consequences.

Students at K-State often fall

into this category as well. Charles Atwell, freshman in open option, uses music downloading software to get his music.

“I use FrostWire,” Atwell said. “I really don’t care that people do it [illegally download music].”

According to a Sept. 19, 2011 article on foxnews.com, Joel Tenenbaum, a 28-year-old student attending Boston University, was fined \$675,000 for illegal downloads. That’s \$22,500 for each of the 30 songs he was found liable of pirating, according to a July 31, 2009 techdirt.com article by Mike Masnick.

“It’s stupid they’re charging people that much money for illegally downloading a few songs,” Atwell said. “They should go after the sites that upload the information not the individuals who download it.”

And they did. Kim Dotcom, born Kim Schmitz, founded the website ‘Megaupload’ and was arrested in New Zealand on Jan. 20, according to a Jan. 29 USA Today article by William M. Welch, Thomas Frank and Kathy Chu. He was accused of multi-

ple copyright infringement charges by U.S. officials because his site allowed users to upload and download digital archives with no legal authority to do so. He was found guilty of money laundering, copyright infringement and racketeering and sentenced to 50 years in prison.

The bill goes beyond protecting intellectual property rights. It is cracking down on generic drugs and making food patents more stringent by enforcing a global standard on seed patents that threaten local farmers and independent producers across the developed and undeveloped world. According to the Foundation for Free Information Infrastructure website, China, India and Brazil are very critical of the bill, claiming it would cause a great deal of damage to their emerging economies.

Whether it’s SOPA or ACTA, governments all over the world are trying to protect intellectual property rights. Since these proposed bills have yet to pass, it remains uncertain how they will affect future counterfeit and copyright cases.

WEEKLY 10

Ways to save cash as a K-State student



Emily Henderson

The years you spend in college go by so quickly so take advantage as many benefits as you can before you are thrown into the real, adult world — a world where you will not get very many discounts until you’re a senior citizen.

Here are 10 suggestions that you should take advantage of while you are at K-State.

1. Paying for a gym membership is often extremely costly, especially for students. By giving up your gym membership and going to the Peters Recreation Complex and the Natatorium, you can exercise without spending too much and take advantage of group fitness sessions, personal training, intramurals and hundreds of machines and weights.

2. If you are a sports fan, K-State has very reasonably priced student passes. ICAT ticket holders pay \$295 for a combined football and basketball pass and general admission ticket holders pay \$235. For less than \$300 you can attend seven football and 16 basketball games. If these prices still seem unreasonable to you, all volleyball and baseball games are free with a student ID, and remember, K-State currently holds the title of the No. 1 fan experience in the Big 12 Conference.

3. When going to Aggieville on the weekends, you usually have to appoint a designated driver. Because you are a K-State student, however, everyone can join in on the fun. SafeRide’s mission is to save lives and prevent injuries and damage to property by offering students and their guests a safe alternative to drunken driving and other threatening situations. It is essentially a free taxi ride for you and your friends. SafeRide operates from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

4. Events in McCain Auditorium are reasonably priced. As a student, you can see famous people and performances without breaking the bank. For example, STOMP is coming to McCain Feb. 26 and a standard ticket price is \$39, whereas a student ticket is only \$19.50. Just because you’re a student, you are saving close to \$20. The Union Program Council also sponsors events that are cheap or free.

5. You can take advantage Hale Library. Instead of buying books for your leisure reading at a book store, check them out from Hale. You can save a lot of money by simply renting your books. Also, every student has money on their ID for printing. Why not use someone else’s paper and ink for free?

6. If you find yourself struggling in a class, get a tutor. You don’t have to pay for it and tutoring can help you immensely in practically any subject in which you are having problems. Leisure Hall and the Writing Center are two places on campus that offer tutoring free of charge to students.

7. Lafene Health Center offers inexpensive medical assistance to students. Lafene has a full-service pharmacy, laboratory for diagnostic testing, a radiology department for X-rays, physical therapy and nutrition counseling. Their clinics include allergies, sports medicine, travel and a women’s clinic. Why spend an outrageous amount of money when you can be treated within walking distance of your classes? They even have a shuttle that will drop you off across the street at the Kramer Dining Center.

8. The Information Technology Help Desk, located on the second floor of Hale, can resolve a lot of your frustrating computer problems free of charge. They are open every day of the week and do not close until midnight Monday through Friday. If you do not start your homework until late and there is a computer malfunction, they can help. Students can call or email the team, chat online or submit an online ticket with details of their problem.

9. Take advantage of the free meals you see advertised all around campus. Food can be expensive and if you are on a budget, a free meal should excite you. Many free meals come with a recruiting event. No one says if you eat the food you will be forced to join the club. However, it’s polite to stick around, and, you never know, you could end up loving the organization. Plus, a lot of organizations provide free meals at every meeting or prizes and other free items.

10. If you are looking for a cheap, laid back date, go see a movie in the K-State Student Union. The UPC shows a movie in Forum Hall nearly every weekend for \$2 or less. Going to the movie theater frequently can quickly diminish your checking account. You could go see three UPC movies and buy a small snack at the Cat’s Den for the price of a student ticket at a movie theater.

Attending college is expensive, why would you not try and get your money’s worth? Do not take your student status for granted.

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Pedestrian, motorists struggle for right-of-way on local streets



Tommy Theis | Collegian

Spencer Combs, freshman in architecture, pushes the button to signal drivers that the crosswalk is occupied near Goodnow Hall on Monday afternoon.

Patrick White
staff writer

College students often use a variety of methods for transportation. With on-campus housing and parking both offered in close proximity to classes, many either drive or walk to their destinations. Sometimes those on foot and those behind the wheel find themselves competing over the crosswalk area, but both pedestrians and motorists often assume they know the rules to using the road. Rumor has it that pedestrians can use crosswalks at any time they wish and assume they have absolute right of way,

regardless of oncoming traffic. Walkers sometimes cross without looking both ways and expect motorists to yield without considering street conditions. Many drivers, on the other hand, think that they only have to stop their cars while people are in front of them on the street. Considering that pedestrians can use crosswalks equipped with the yellow safety light instead of just jaywalking, it seems as if this power struggle can be easily avoided. Cory Kowalski, senior in accounting, said that he has been held up not by crosswalks, but by jaywalkers. He also admitted,

however, that he jaywalks himself when no cars are present because it is faster than walking around the ends of the block where the crosswalk is. When asked about stopping at crosswalks, Kowalski said, "I assumed that you as a driver had to stop when they are entering until they are the other side of the road. I never thought I have to wait while they are crossing the other side of the road. People aren't allowed to drive on the other side." Josh Dickinson, senior in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, said that his experiences using crosswalks have differed on campus.

"Sometimes it's a pain when you are stuck behind one when class lets out," said Dickinson. "I've had to wait for 10 minutes with whole line of cars waiting with me. Though with walking to class, I've never had someone yell at me for crossing the street, but I've had people almost hit me while on the crosswalk." When asked about the crosswalks equipped with a yellow safety light, Dickinson said that he doesn't always hit the button before he crosses, even though he thinks it's a good idea. Usually when he is crossing it is already flashing since he walks with a number of people crossing at the same

time. Dickinson said he assumed one of the others would push the button before they all crossed. Bruce Field, junior in architectural engineering, said while he's never had a near miss at a crosswalk, he does jaywalk. "I do sometimes jaywalk on my way if no cars are around," said Field. "I feel that as long as I am not impeding traffic then there no problem." According to the city's Standard Traffic Ordinance, Article 11, Section 64(A), "When traffic-control signals are not in place, or in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so

yield, to a pedestrian entering or crossing the roadway within a crosswalk." This means that it is OK for pedestrians to cross in a crosswalk, but if they jaywalk, the pedestrian is responsible for any accidents or injuries that they suffer. This does not mean, however, that motorists are not responsible for their actions as well. If anybody is in a crosswalk, motorists are held accountable and are responsible for slowing down if anybody is in a crosswalk. Ultimately, both walkers and motorists share equal responsibility to keep the roads safe.



Bring on the Cats!

JUDGE |Students engaged in discussion

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presentation that he hadn't recognized Diaz and only realized he was a basketball player after Diaz had stood up. The volunteers were then asked questions by Pierron, who was in full character as the antagonist of a case, prompting the students to answer questions and give their opinions on the Supreme Court's decisions of the cases. Pierron continually engaged the students by asking questions and speaking animatedly in impassioned tones behind his robust mustache. Wednesday night marked the second or third time Pierron has been to K-State to give a presentation. He couldn't remember the exact number, but said he has given close to 250 presentations to various groups since 1996. Pierron, an Olathe native and University of Kansas School of Law

graduate, has been practicing law since he became a prosecutor right out of college in 1971. He said he thoroughly enjoys giving the presentation, in part because he likes to teach. "If I hadn't been a lawyer, I'd probably have been a history teacher," he said. Pierron's presentation was well-received by the audience, often earning himself a healthy chorus of laughter and engaged responses from students. He used props such as a judicial robe and a stuffed animal named Spike the Wonder Dog, which represented a drug dog in a case Pierron discussed search and seizure laws. "I liked it, he's really good at explaining things," said Drew Smith, freshman in agricultural economics. The group that brought Pierron is a very new addition to the K-State Office of Student Activities roster. The American Criminal Justice Association chapter at K-Sate was

created in December 2011 and officially registered with the University just last month. Pierron is the second speaker the group has hosted, after a representative from ATF who spoke last month. Ronnie Hernandez, senior in sociology, pre-law and American ethnic studies and president of the K-State ACJA chapter, contacted the public relations officer associated with the Kansas Judicial branch asking for a speaker and was put in touch with Pierron and his education program. The group has a tentative five more speakers planned for the semester.



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Students listen to **Judge G. Joseph Pierron** Wednesday in the Flint Hills Room in the K-State Student Union. **Judge Pierron** is from the Kansas Court of Appeals and spoke about the appeals system as well as the program he created.

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HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE



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TOP Photo illustration of Bill Snyder Family Stadium before construction of the new center.
ABOVE A view of the media building at Bill Snyder Family Stadium before construction starts on the new complex.

Renovations at Bill Snyder Family Stadium expected to be completed within 2 to 4 years

Rudy Date
staff writer

Bill Snyder Family Stadium has witnessed nearly four and a half decades of Wildcat football and K-State tradition. Opened in 1968, KSU Stadium was renamed in 2005 after legendary head football coach Bill Snyder. Renovations and additions have been spaced throughout the years, the first and biggest consisting of the addition of the press box and suites on the west side.

That's all about to change. Bill Snyder Family Stadium is already in the process of undergoing a major facelift.

The West Stadium Center Campaign, as it is officially called, is already under way.

"I first heard about it at the Cotton Bowl pep rally via Twitter," said Brian Davis, sophomore in interior architecture and product design.

Separated into six distinct construction phases, the stadium master plan aims to accomplish many K-State-centered goals, while simultaneously addressing a wide variety of athletic issues.

Phase I, completed in August 2011, was all about fan amenities and student athlete safety. It involved building new restrooms, concession area updates and installing new infill turf on Wagner Field.

Phases II and III are the heart of the expansion and renovation. These phases involve a whole new west side to the stadium, called the Northwest Gateway to campus, as well as new hospital-

ity and student athlete amenities. This massive expansion includes a Hall of Fame, new concessions and restrooms, an entirely new press box with upscale seating and an entire level dedicated to media and broadcast, among other things.

Amenities include a strength and conditioning center, a lounge, a new sound system accompanied by video and ribbon board additions and a limestone field wall.

The planning stages of phases IV, V and VI are currently underway.

"I'm obviously very excited for the whole project, but I'm also really happy that we are getting what we deserve," Davis said. "It's showing that K-State is moving forward and hopefully it will attract positive attention. I'm really glad that the renovations will tie aesthetically to the rest of the campus."

Jaron Bowersox, senior in construction science and management, saw the first phase in progress even before he heard about the entire plan.

"I worked at Jardine over the summer and during my breaks I would sneak up to the construction site to see what was going on. It applied to my major as well, so it was interesting to see the techniques that they were using for construction," Bowersox said.

Such a mammoth undertaking requires a similarly mammoth base in funding in order to become reality.

According to kstatesports.com, the official website for K-State Athletics, the estimated cost of production is approximately \$75 million.

The campaign's dedication to the success of K-State as a university can also be found in the way funding is achieved for this project. The campaign insists on raising money solely through private funding, so not a single penny of student tuition or fees will be allocated toward the West Stadium Center.

Aaron Bisch, student senator for the Student Governing Association, member of the KSU Student Foundation and junior in interior architecture and product design, said, "SGA solely deals with the allocation of student funds, tuition and fees. Therefore, fortunately, it has no part to take in the ongoing renovations. Student Foundations, on the other hand, deals with exactly that: we constantly come into contact with alumni and friends of K-State and try to secure as many private funds as we can for these wonderful additions."

The campaign promises improvements for the future of the football program, other athletic programs and the entirety of K-State, and, according to Davis, will help K-State display well-roundedness as a university.

"Not only will we be able to represent KSU as an academic institution, we will be able to showcase our growing and continued success in athletics," said Davis.

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ARREST REPORTS

TUESDAY

Raymond Kenneth Fox III, of Topeka, was booked for theft. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Lisa Margaret Skalla, of Axtell, Kan., was booked for failure to appear and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$550.

Mark Alexander Lawrence, of the 900 block of Leavenworth Street, was booked for violation of a protective order. Bond was set at \$500.

Tykeisha Michelle Platt, of Shawnee, Kan., was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

Amber Michelle Meier, of the 2100 block of Knox Circle, was booked for theft. Bond was set at \$250.

Ross Kristopher Meuli, of Ogden, was booked for failure to appear, driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked

license, and habitual violation. Bond was set at \$4,250.

Michael Tyrone Murphy, of the 200 block of Fifth Street, was booked at 2:05 p.m. for two counts of probation violation, harassment by a telecommunications device and domestic battery. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Tiffany Renie Jones, of the 1300 block of Flint Hills Place, was booked for two counts of aggravated endangerment of a child. Bond was set at \$6,000.

Michael Tyrone Murphy, of the 200 block of Fifth Street, was booked at 7:10 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$200.

WEDNESDAY

Drew Christopher Fox, of the 2000 block of Casement Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Compiled by Sarah Rajewski.

STADIUM | Facility to be an attractive venue

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renovations have the potential to increase revenue generation substantially and increase interest in Wildcat athletics in many different ways.

"As a recruit, for example, if you see a school that's taking care of its athletic facilities, you feel as if they'll take care of you too," Bowersox added.

Bisch agreed, saying the stadium improvements make the K-State program an attractive venue for potential staff and coaches.

"Not only will it help our athletes perform better, but, when hiring new staff, the stadium itself will be motivation for them to join our team," Bisch said. "I think it will make the stadium more complete and increase the overall stadium environment and experience."

The essence of the addi-

tions and renovations are expected to be finished within the next two to four years, assuming everything goes as planned. Unlike Bowersox who is a senior, most of this year's freshmen and quite a few sophomores can realistically expect to see a largely finished version.

"I'm kind of excited to be alumni, too," Bowersox admitted. "I can see myself donating money to get 50-yard line seats, and bragging to all the youngsters about all the things I didn't have when I went to school here. It truly feels like I'm leaving the university in good hands."

For more information on the West Stadium Center Campaign, to see renderings and videos or to donate, visit kstatesports.com/weststadiumcenter

IDOL | Variety of talent showcased

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engineering. They said it was a song with lyrics that really spoke to them and said they were both grateful for the competition, saying, "it gave us an opportunity to sing together in front of a large crowd and will give us more confidence to sing in the future."

The Bowman sisters placed second in the contest, receiving a \$100 prize. Kaitlyn Dewell, sophomore in journalism and mass communications, placed third and won \$50 for singing "Tough Love" by Christina Aguilera. Winning the contest and \$150 first place prize was Tynisha Moore, senior in elementary education, whose rendition of "Who Am I" by the Casting Crows earned her the title of K-State Idol.

One of the four judges, Donovan Woods, junior in vocal performance, explained that it was a very competitive field.

"It was really fun tonight. There was a lot of talent and quality performances," Woods said. "There were some really cool melodies and song choices."

One of these unique songs came from Austin Narverud, senior in mechanical engineering, and Dani Lucas, junior in family studies and human services, who sang a mash-up of "I Will Follow You Into the Dark" by Death Cab for Cutie and "How to Save a Life" by The Fray that many audience members really enjoyed.

Throughout the show, the audience's energy level stayed high, something Michael Allen, freshman in theatre, felt was responsive to the variety of performances.

"The different styles of music have made the competition great, from the Christina Aguilera cover which was very poppy, to the unique Death Cab/The Fray cover," Allen said. "It's made the show entertaining. I'm just really surprised how many people came out to show their passion and confidence by singing tonight."

One of the crowd favorites came from Chad Ostermann, freshman in psychol-

ogy, who performed a medley of "Someone like You" by Adele, "Dynamite" by Taio Cruz, and "Forget You" by Cee Lo Green. Although he appeared hesitant at first, he eventually broke out by the end of the performance that earned him a standing ovation from several members in the audience.

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Of the 16 acts, 12 were solo performances and four were duets. Some of the other songs covered included, "Love Vigilantes" by Iron and Wine, "Don't Rain on My Parade" from the musical Funny Girl, and "Your Song" by Elton John. There was also an original composition from Jake Weakland, junior in communication studies, titled "Dust to Dust."

One thing Allen said he would like to see improved for next year is the judging.

"It felt like [the judges] were holding back," Allen said. "You definitely have to tell them what you liked, but they need to be more blunt with the criticism."

Nevertheless, this year was a success for those involved, said Woods.

"Every year it gets bigger and better," Woods said. "They really are making it feel like American Idol."



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Judges for K-State Idol listen to a duet on Wednesday night. The musical contest was held at K-State Student Union's Forum Hall and featured 16 contestants competing for a \$150 prize.

Daily Briefs

Andy Rao
news editor

TEACH FOR AMERICA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

For many students who are looking for opportunities after graduation, public service is an option to look into. One of those opportunities is Teach For America.

Teach For America is a nonprofit organization that works to provide kids in poverty with an excellent education.

Teach For America recently started a group at K-State and is recruiting students who are looking for positions to teach underprivileged kids. They are looking for passionate, patient, perseverant and motivated leaders who want to make a difference in the life of a young child.

The final deadline to apply for the Teach For America 2012-2013 school year is this Friday, Feb. 10th.

Anyone who is interested can apply to become a member at www.tfanet.org.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Ronald Michalsky, titled, "Thermochemical Production of Ammonia Using Sunlight, Air, Water and Biomass". It will be held May 11, 2012 at 3 p.m. in 1029 Durland Hall.

Funds, new legislation SGA focus

Jakki Thompson
assitant news editor

The pieces of legislation in final action at the Student Governing Association's meeting will allocate funds to Sensible Nutrition and Body Image Choices, Tau Beta Sigma and Alternative Spring Break at tonight's meeting.

Introduction of new legislation includes a proposal for an increase in student health privilege fees and a piece of legislation to allocate student bond surplus funds.

The SGA meeting is tonight in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union starting at 7 p.m.

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